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Dear Andy:

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I have just dispatched a memorandum to you concerning the survey to locate a site for the [REDACTED]. I should like to write in a less formal tone my reaction to the observation you made in the next to the last paragraph of your report of 25 August 1950 on this subject.

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If we are going to run into a very large expenditure, which seems the case, I see no reason whatever why we should not enter into a long term lease that will give us the necessary protection. On [REDACTED] for example we purchased approximately five acres outright and leased pole rights for fifty years on property involving a very large number of owners to accommodate our antenna field. Of course I do not think we are in any danger of being encroached upon on [REDACTED]. Nevertheless the point remains that what we want is protection against interference and personally I think it matters little how we obtain it so long as the taxpayer is getting the most for his dollar.

Consequently if we could negotiate a deal with a rancher or other property owner and could be guaranteed the protection which we seek I see absolutely no reason why this couldn't be done. I suggest that you explore this possibility along these lines as well as any other ideas you may have. We are not tied to buying the property or to any other specific arrangement and any recommendations whatever you have to submit as to how we might go about accomplishing our objective will be welcomed and will receive our most careful consideration.

I am sorry that it has taken so long for us to react to your report. In fact, however, it has only been during the past few days that the Services Division has made arrangements to discuss this subject with the Coast Guard and the Army. It is still essential that we proceed without delay.

Sincerely,

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